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WINTER 2016/2017



Davos

1st of August Celebration

Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West
Sunday, August 7th 2016































Message from the President



Well our signature event, Swiss Fall Fest, on October 23 was a roaring success. So many thanks to those who made it so fun. Susan Oake and Kurt Schittli for managing the whole affair, Max Haechler for lending and working his gorgeous raclette equipment, Anthony Haechler for delivering and working the raclette machines, Fran and Gabriel Zinsli for bringing the boiled hot potatoes for the raclette, Sylvia Brunner Reichen for prep work, Rachael McKenzie and Dave Saunders for transporting kegs of beer, Marlies and Doris Fisch and Vreny Middleton & Isabelle Blachere for helping to set up, David Campbell for managing the reception table, Alain Butzberger for putting up street signs & flags, Christian Bucher for bread, Andrew Muskatevc for handling the PA system and being DJ, Jack Mote for helping load, and my friends Nicole, Dorris Torres for fruit salad (and Kirschwasser – yum) Nick and Kresta for Swiss tattoos, face painting, pumpkin carving and kids activities. I've included a lot of fun photos from the event. So nice of Ed and Christine to come up from the Tucson club as well, they have done a great job of keeping in contact with us up here in the Valley. Our next event is the elegant Christmas party on December 11 and this year we are back at the luxurious Paradise Valley Country Club. We expect to have a professional pianist entertain the adults and Santa himself to entertain the kids (and the adults as it turns out…this Santa has a tremendous sense of humor). So please do reserve early and plan to come. The Paradise Valley Country Club is a private club and the only way in is through a member and fortunately we have one in Max who is our official host. A taste of luxury is really appreciated during the holiday season so bring your family.



John Thornton







AZ Swiss Society Represented at Peoria Oktoberfest

I proudly represented the AZ Swiss Society at the October 8 Peoria Oktoberfest put on by Arizona Center for Germanic Cultures and sponsored by the City of Peoria, Henkel and Warsteiner. Kurt normally gets this plum job but his aching foot kept him off the dance floor. I carried the Swiss flag (a real square one) as others carried flags from the clubs representing Germanic regions. They had the German band Die Echten Wald Buam flown in and that evening put on a Rocktoberfest (more rock, less oompah). The menu included BRATWURST, SAUERKRAUT, POLISH SAUSAGE, BREAD, SAUERKRAUT, POTATO PANCAKES WITH APPLE SAUCE, GERMAN POTATO SALAD, APPLE STRUDEL, PRETZELS, PLUM CAKE and booths were set up for various German vendors. The website for this year's celebration is http://peoriaoktoberfest.com/ You might consider going next year. Lots of fun.

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Culture & Activities in Davos

Winter Wonderland

Davos is known in Switzerland as the ski-region where snow never fails to arrive.
Davos is a sports activities paradise, spa town, business town, cultural center and après ski meeting place amidst a beautiful mountain landscape.
If you like skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, tobogganing, ice skating or winter walks you can choose between 5 alpine sports resorts here. In other words, here, you are simply spoilt for choices, guaranteed by around 300 km of guaranteed snow-covered slopes and 57 transportation systems.



Things to do



Tobogganing - Cradle of Sleddging
Davos Klosters is the cradle of international tobogganing. In 1883, the first official toboggan race was held in Davos. And the famous "Davos sled" is effectively the original amongst toboggans. Today, at least 8 sled runs promise fun and variety in Davos Klosters.



Snowshoeing
Far away from the much-trodded paths, you will conquer deep snowy forests and untouched winter landscapes with snow shoes. Our regional providers ensure you have the right equipment and they are also happy to arrange a personal mountain guide for your tour. Snow shoe walks are a very special natural experience under the full moon - best combined with a typical Grisons evening meal in a traditional mountain hut.



Skiing
Madrisa & Rinerhorn are the family mountains and offer ski-loving families everything they want. Children experience fun and diversity in the various children's fun areas.
Whether skiing on the Parsenn or freestyle-skiing on the Jakobshorn the slopes offer every difficulty rating for any passionate skier.



Davos Coach Trips
Take it easy and have yourself chauffeured on a coach trip to a stunning excursion destination . For example, in the enchanting tributary valleys of Davos - an unforgettable experience, in particular at night-time in the light of the full moon!
Enjoy a romantic coach trip through the stunning mountain landscape.

Tradition and Culture



Bier Vision Mondstein
In 2001 in Monstein, the highest altitude brewery in Switzerland and the first demonstration brewery in the canton of Grisons went into production. It is housed in the former village dairy, in a building that was erected 100 years ago. BierVision Monstein AG uses crystal clear spring water, Swiss hops and aromatic malt to brew Monstein beer specialities in accordance with a richly traditional recipe. Monstein is a picturesque hamlet located 1625 metres above sea level. The typical Walser houses and stilts lend the village an unforgettable charm with its two churches and two guest houses. http://www.monsteiner.ch

Top Events

Apart from different cross-country skiing events, the Spengler Cup (ice hockey), Art on Ice (figure skating show with live music) and the Songbird (Singer/Songwriter Festival) are also especially popular in winter.

Davos Nordic - fIS Cross-Country World Cup
Elite cross-country skiers from across the world throng to Davos every year in mid-December. Some 250 athletes compete at the Cup, watched and cheered on by over 18,000 spectators on the ground. The children‘s event with Björn Daehlie, the most successful cross-country skier of all times, is particularly popular. www.davosnordic.ch

World, Olympic and World Cup Champion **Dario Cologna** has lived and trained in Davos Klosters for over a decade. The Swiss elite athlete finds ideal conditions for future excellence here. The world‘s best cross-country skiers are often to be found heading to Davos Klosters for training purposes. www.davos.ch/cologna

Sertig Classic
The traditional mass cross-country ski race from Davos to Sertig is held every year in mid-February. The trail climbs just under 400 meters along its 12 kilometer-long route. The finish is right at the head of the Sertig Valley, surrounded by picturesque Walser buildings and breathtaking mountain scenery. www.sertig-classic.ch

Spengler Cup
The first Spengler Cup was held in 1923. Dr. med Carl Spengler was an enthusiastic supporter from Hockey Club Davos. He established the Club because his endeavor was to support the HC Davos, but also to promote contact between nations that had been on opposing side during the World War I. According to the foundation charter, he wanted to offer nations that had previously been enemies the opportunity to test their strength in peaceful battles and to take one another’s hand in friendship. The event is hosted by the Swiss team HC Davos and played each year in Davos, between Christmas and New Years Day.

www.spenglercup.ch







Dimitri, the most famous Swiss clown died on July 19, 2016 in Verscio Ticino after his 80th birthday.
He was born in Ascona in the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland. Since he was 7 years old he wanted to become a clown.

Not only his family but also all ofSwitzerland will miss him dearly.

Gotthard Basistunnel / Gottardo



Mit einem Volksfest am 4. und 5 Juni 2016 wurde der längste Eisenbahn-Tunnel der Welt eröffnet.



Innert 17 Jahren wurde ein Bauwerk mit Schweizer räzision und Zuverlässigkeit erstellt.

Der Tunnel ist 57 Kilometer lang und die Tunnelfahrt dauert ca. 20 Minuten bei bis zu 200 Std-Kilometer. Somit ist man etwa 45 Minuten schneller vm Kanton Uri in Lugano. http://www.gottardo2016.ch/de

Leider sieht man das Wahrzeichen von Wassen das **“Chileli vo Wasse”** wie es einige nannten, nicht mehr. Ob diese Verbindung, die noch bis Ende 2017 weiter betrieben wird, aufrecht erhalten bleibt, ist noch fraglich. Auf jeden Fall war es eine einmalige Aussicht für Zugreisende die Kirche von Wassen, dank der Kehrtunnel, 3 mal sehen zu können.







SOLARIMPULSE
AROUND THE WORLD IN A SOLAR AIRPLANE

Swiss Post sells Solar Impulse stamps





Two Swiss pilots, Bertrand Piccard and André Borschberg, have completed an unprecedented round-the-world trip in a solar-powered aircraft - without any fuel, powered only by the sun. Such an adventure was only made possible by a keen pioneering spirit. This exceptional feat deserves appropriate recognition! Swiss Post is issuing a special stamp to commemorate the pilots' achievement.
Publication date: 17.11.2016

https://www.postshop.ch/en

Fall-Fest



Golden Eagle Park
Fountain Hills
Sunday, October 23th 2016
Over 120 people attended the Picnic

Cervelats, Bratwurst and Raclette and of course ice cream and some drinks were offered.





Thanks to the organization of Kurt and Susan we had a great time and enough food









The highlight of the day: Swiss Tattoos

















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All about Culture, Heritage and Roots.
The Swiss Center of North America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located and incorporated in Wisconsin. We are dedicated to connecting, archiving, showcasing, educating, promoting and celebrating all that is Swiss in North America.

Swiss Review: www.revue.ch
This is the magazine for the Swiss abroad with regional news, culture, politics, the parliament etc. from Switzerland. Regional Swiss Review appears four times a year.

Club News / Sunshine Committee

We Are Still Looking For A New Activity Chair

The work for the **Activity Chair** will be with all the planning and preparation for the different events during the year. Kurt and Susan are doing such a great job, but they need more help.
Please contact Susan or Kurt at (602) 687-7871

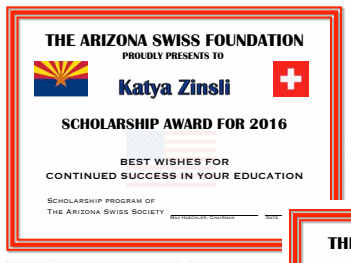
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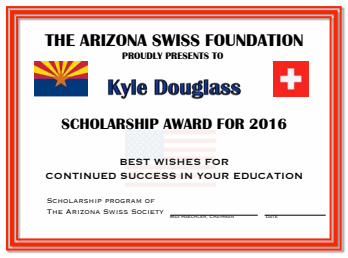
J. Richard Haefer, Paradise Valley
Sylvia Guidarini, Scottsdale
Isabelle Progin and Keith Rocci, Casa Grande



Ellen is proud of this wonderful Swiss Costume

Elisabeth Carnal was the owner of this wonderful Swiss Costume and wanted to give it to someone who would cherish it. She asked Ellen if she would like it. Ellen was surprised and so delighted that Elisabeth asked her.
It was the perfect size and she is proud of how great it looks.





Congratulations

Katya Zinsli and Kyle Douglass

have been awarded a 2016 Scholarship from the Arizona Swiss Foundation.

We are so proud of this young, well educated people.
Keep up the good work!



"Coin des Blagues"



Un homme très myope va chez son opticien : - Bonjour ! Si je viens, c'est parce-que j'ai des problèmes de vue. - Certes mon ami, mais ici c'est une banque !



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Un gars entre dans un bar, et demande : - Quelqu'un aurait-il perdu un gros rouleau d'argent, avec un élastique enroulé autour ? Un client s'approche et dit : - C'est moi, c'est à moi ! - Tenez, j'ai retrouvé l'élastique...

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Deux copines discutent : - J'ai été mariée 3 fois. - Des enfants ? - Non, des adultes!

Submit your own jokes in German, French, Italian, Romansh or English to the Echo editor for the next publication and let's laugh together. Yours in smiles, John Thornton. laugh together.

Club News / Sunshine Committee



In Memory of

Louis Germain

November 3, 1925 - June 14, 2016

Louis Germain, 91, died in Phoenix, AZ. He was Born in St. Gallen, Switzerland. Louis was a renowned restaurateur in the Phoenix area for the last 56 years. He opened Chez Louis restaurant in 1958 onBrown Ave, Scottsdale. The restaurant was later relocated to the Scottsdale Vivic Center, in the early 1990's, Louis opened Sans Souci restaurant in Cave Creek, AZ.
Louis was trained as a pastry chef in Montana-Crans, Switzerland. From Switzerland, he traveled to Paris, London and Montreal. In 1953 he arrived in the U.S. where he lived in New York and Los Angeles. Louis worked at the iconic Perino's in Los Angeles just prior to moving to Scottsdale, AZ. Throughout his career in Arizona, Louis frequently traveled back to the Ritz Hotel in Paris where he pursued his passion of continued education as a pastry chef.
It was on one of these trips to and from Paris that he met his current wife, Leokadia from Sweden. They married and with stepdaughter, Jennifer, moved to Cave Creek where Leokadia crafted her couture and helped Louis at Sans Souci. Louis had a huge heart for animals as well as people. He always had several rescue dogs as beloved pets. He had a passion for Arabian horses which he bred and showed. He was am active member of the Arabian Horse Association in Scottsdale, AZ for many years. As a restaurateur, Louis was renewed for his customer service toward his patrons. His gracious, kind and attentive man made his guests feel at home and part of his extended family. He is remembered for his generosity to people in need.

Upcoming events

RESERVE THE DATE

December 11th 2016

Christmas-Party



February 26th 2017

Annual Meeting



Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year



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Children's page

Make your Christmas Present Yourself



What you can do with cardboard rolls:



What you need

- One or more empty cardboard rolls
- Felt in different colors
- Pipe cleaner in different colors
- Glue, permanent marker in different colors
- Scissors
- Wooden balls





Christmas cookies: Anis-Guetzli "Chräbeli"



ingredients: 500 gr. Puderzucker (about 2 1/2 cups of powdered sugar)
5 Eier (eggs)
2 Esslöffel Anis (Tablespoon of Anis)
ca. 500 gr. Mehl (about 3 1/4 coups of flour)

Direction: Mix Sugar and eggs together and stir until fluffy, then add Anis
Add the flour and knead lightly until it forms a dough.
Then roll out about 0.4 inch thick and cut out or make rolls of about 0.6 inches and cut into pieces of about 2 inches. Cut in each piece about 3 times at a slight angle and bend them slightly.
Place on a buttered and floured cookie tray and let them dry overnight in a slightly warm place.
Bake it at low heat the next day.





Preheat: 10 Minutes at about 400F
Bake: about 12 minutes at about 285F



They should still be white on the upper side and have little feed at the bottom.

Old recipe from my mother. I love them
Sylvia



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